AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A method of driving a display comprising:

receiving an input signal having a first period corresponding to a number of lines in the display;

determining whether the first period is less than a first reference period;

outputting a signal of a first state only if the first period is less than the first reference period; and

determining the absence or the presence of the input signal if the number of continuous pulses of the signal of the first state is not less than a predetermined plural number during a predetermined interval.

- 13. (Original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the receiving, determining and outputting steps are repeated and determining if the first state is output a second time.
 - 14. (Currently Amended) A method of driving a display comprising:

receiving an input signal having a first period corresponding to a number of lines in the display;

determining whether the first period is greater than a first reference period;

outputting a signal of a first state only if the first period is greater than the first reference period; and

determining the absence or the presence of the input signal if the number of continuous pulses of the signal of the first state is not less than a predetermined plural number during a predetermined interval.

- 15. (Original) The method according to claim 14, wherein the receiving, determining and outputting steps are repeated and determining if the first state is output a second time.
 - 16. (Currently Amended) A method of driving a display comprising:

receiving an input signal having a first period corresponding to a number of lines in the display;

determining whether the first period is less than a first reference period and greater than a second reference period;

outputting a signal of a first state only if the first period is less than the first reference period and greater than the second reference period; and

determining the absence or the presence of the input signal if the number of continuous pulses of the signal of the first state is not less than a predetermined plural number during a predetermined interval.

- 17. (Original) The method according to claim 16, wherein the receiving, determining and outputting steps are repeated and determining if the first state is output a second time.
 - 18. (Withdrawn) A method of driving in a display:

receiving a vertical synchronization signal;

generating an intermediate signal from the vertical synchronization signal, the intermediate signal indicating whether the vertical synchronization signal has an error; and outputting a desired video signal to the display when the error is detected.

- 19. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 18, wherein the desired video signal is an all black signal.
- 20. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 18, wherein the desired video signal includes a color signal.

- 21. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 18, wherein the desired video signal includes an image signal based on a previous image signal.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 18, wherein the desired video signal includes a message signal.
- 23. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 18, wherein the desired video signal changes with time.
 - 24. (Withdrawn) A method of driving in a display: receiving a date enable signal;

generating an intermediate signal from the data enable signal, the intermediate signal indicating whether the data enable signal has an error; and

outputting a desired video signal to the display when the error is detected.

- 25. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 24, wherein the desired video signal is an all black signal.
- 26. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 24, wherein the desired video signal includes a color signal.
- 27. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 24, wherein the desired video signal includes an image signal based on a previous image signal.
- 28. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 24, wherein the desired video signal includes a message signal.
- 29. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 24, wherein the desired video signal changes with time.

30. (Withdrawn) A liquid crystal display device including a timing controller provided with a signal presence determiner for detecting an application of an input signal from an interface, wherein said signal presence determiner comprising:

an oscillator for generating a reference clock having the same frequency as a horizontal synchronizing signal and a pre-synchronizing signal having the same frequency as a vertical synchronizing signal;

a period detector for comparing a data enable signal from the exterior thereof with the reference clock to output a period of the input signal with the aid of a detection reference signal and the pre-synchronizing signal;

a period comparator for comparing a period range between a desired maximum value and a desired minimum value of the input signal; and

signal presence/absence comparing means for determining a presence /absence of the input signal in response to a pulse number of the input signal detected within a period range between the maximum value and the minimum value during an application interval of the detection reference signal.

- 31. (Withdrawn) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 30, wherein said period range between the maximum value and the minimum value of the period comparator can be controlled by a user.
- 32. (Withdrawn) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 30, wherein said pulse number of the signal presence/ absence comparing means can be controlled by a user.
- 33. (Withdrawn) A method of driving a liquid crystal display device including a timing controller provided with a signal presence determiner for detecting an application of an input signal from an interface, said method comprising the steps of:

generating a reference clock having the same frequency as a horizontal synchronizing signal and a pre-synchronizing signal having the same frequency as a vertical synchronizing signal;

comparing a data enable signal from the exterior with the reference clock to output a period of the input signal with the aid of at detection reference signal and the presynchronizing signal;

comparing a period range between a desired maximum value and a desired minimum value of the input signal; and determining a presence/absence of the input signal in response to a pulse number of the input signal detected within a period range between the maximum value and the minimum value during an application interval of the detection reference signal.

- 34. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein said period range between the maximum value and the minimum value can be controlled by a user.
- 35. (Withdrawn) The method as claimed in claim 33, wherein said pulse number of the input signal can be controlled by a user.